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Docket No.: 45112-085

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Steven M. BESSETTE :
Application No.: 09/604,158 : Group Art Unit: 1651
Filed: June 27, 2000 : Examiner: Patricia Patten
For: PESTICIDAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING PLANT ESSENTIAL OILS AGAINST
DUST MITES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 31, 2002, setting forth a restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, **Group I (claims 1 and 11)** for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully submits that a restriction requirement between patentably distinct inventions is proper only when there is a serious burden on the Patent Office to examine all of the claims in a single application even when it appears that appropriate reasons exist for a restriction requirement. M.P.E.P. § 803. To avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office, Applicant respectfully requests that the above policy be applied in the present application because the subject matter of the pending claims is

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sufficiently related. Applicant respectfully submits that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one claim of elected Group I would necessarily overlap with a search for the subject matter of each of the remaining claims in Groups II through VIII such that a search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden.

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry of this communication.
Please charge any deficient fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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